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a change had taken place in East German policy regarding the import of aluminum.

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hitherto East Germany, in spite of its own substantial aluminum production, had imported as much aluminum as it could get, chiefly from West European countries. All this aluminum, together with East Germany's own production, had found its way as direct or indirect reparations to the USSR.

3. Since 1 July 1953, however, the Russians have no longer required aluminum from East Germany, which, as a consequence, ceased importing aluminum and sought to export its own production to capitalist countries.

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this as a sign of the reduced requirements of the USSR in raw materials for armaments, with the corollary of an increased interest in the production of consumer goods.

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